

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 11 and 18-20. Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter contained in claims 4-5, 7-8 and 10. Claims 4, 5 and 7 are rewritten into independent form, and therefore are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of this application, and the rejection of claims 1-10, 12-16, 18 and 20 are respectfully requested. Applicant has attempted to address every objection and ground for rejection in the Office Action dated September 21, 2005 over (Paper No. 20050916) and believes the application is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-2, 6 and 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lichvar (U.S. Patent Not. 4,819,582). With respect to claims 1-2 and 6, Applicant amended independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-2 and 6 is moot. With respect to claims 12-15, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because Lichvar fails to disclose "a door configured for opening and closing said doorway and having at least one doorframe member directly and rotatably attached to said boss of said doorway frame member."

In the Office Action, the Examiner correctly identifies the rectangular door 22 shown in FIG. 6 as a "door", which has a welded wire mesh 14 and elbows 10. However, the Examiner incorrectly identifies clamps 28 and a sleeve 27 as also forming the door. That is, as being a part of the rectangular door 22. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner is using impermissible hindsight to attempt to reconstruct the present invention. This is

because Lichvar does not teach the sleeve or clamps as being formed as part of the door. The following description of the rectangular door 22 in Lichvar exemplifies why the Examiner's interpretation of what components constitute the door is incorrect:

A rectangular door 22 framed by straight lengths of the same tubing, which are joined at their ends by right elbows 10, and covered by the welded-wire mesh is hingedly hung onto the second cross member 26 by means of a straight member of the door frame being rigidly clamped to and in close juxtaposed relation with a sleeve 27 loosely fitted over cross member 26, *the fit of the sleeve being suitable* to permit the sleeve to freely rotate about cross member 26 but also suitable *to vertically support the door* without excessive play. (Emphasis added).

The sleeve 27 of Lichvar, which is a separate component from the rectangular door 22, merely supports the door. If, however, the Examiner's interpretation that the sleeve is a part of the door is assumed, then Lichvar would teach that the sleeve (i.e., door) supports the door. However, this interpretation is unreasonable, and therefore incorrect. Lichvar further states that clamps 28 hold the door frame rigidly to the sleeve 27. (See col. 3, lns. 55-57). Clearly, the sleeve 27 and clamps 28 are not part of the rectangular door 22, contrary to the Examiner's assertion.

Accordingly, since Lichvar fails to disclose or suggest a door configured for opening and closing the doorway and having at least one door frame member directly and rotatably attached to the boss of the doorway or a doorway frame member, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §102 rejection of claims 12-15.

Claims 3, 9 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lichvar. With respect to claims 3 and 9, the rejection is moot for the reasons recited above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 1. With respect to claim 16, Applicant traverses the rejection for the reasons recited above with respect to the rejection of independent claim 12.

Since claim 16 depends upon claim 12, it necessarily includes all the features of its associated independent claim plus other additional features. Thus, Applicant submits that the §103 rejection of claim 16 has also been overcome for the same reasons mentioned above to overcome the rejection of independent claim 12. Applicant respectfully requests that the §103 rejection of claim 16 also be withdrawn.

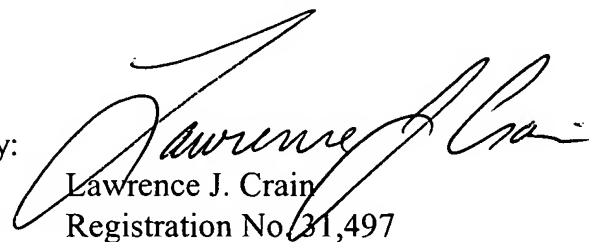
For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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